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1. **Richard Benjamin**, Case #02-262

Results: The Respondent was found to have violated RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by failing to timely file reports showing the details of contributions received and summary reports of contributions and expenditures.

Assessed Penalty: \$200 with \$100 suspended on the condition the Respondent commits no further violations of RCW 42.17 for a period of four years from the date of the order.

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2. **Nathan Herzog,** Case #02-284

Results: The Respondent was found to have violated RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 by failing to timely file reports showing the details of contributions received and summary reports of contributions and expenditures.

Assessed Penalty: \$500

- 3. **Richard Sirokman, Superintendent, Pioneer School District**, Case #02-283 **Results:** The Respondent was found to have violated RCW 42.17.130 by using public facilities to support passage of the District's 2002 ballot proposition. **Assessed Penalty:** \$250. It was ordered that public funds may not be expended to pay the Respondent's civil penalty.
- Gary Long, Burien City Manager, Case #02-269
 Results: The hearing was moved to the full Commission meeting of May 21, 2002.

Enforcement Hearings Before the Full Commission – May 21, 2002

1. Citizens for Support of Yelm Schools, Case #02-285

Results: The Commission accepted a Stipulation of Facts, Violations and Penalty and found that the Respondent committed violations of 1) RCW 42.17.040 by failing to file a new committee registration statement within two weeks of the start of the committee's campaigns to support the Yelm School District's ballot propositions for the February 3, 1998, April 28, 1998, February 1, 2000, April 25, 2000 and February 5, 2002 elections; 2.) RCW 42.17.080 by denying interested persons the ability to review campaign records during the eight days preceding each election; RCW 42.17.080 and 42.17.090 on multiple occasions by failing to timely file reports of contributions and expenditures during the Yelm School District's ballot proposition elections held in 1998, 2000 and 2002.

Assessed Penalty: \$5,000 with \$2,500 suspended on the condition the Respondent commits no further violations of RCW 42.17 for a period of four years from the date of the order. One half of the non-suspended portion of the assessed penalty (\$1,250) is to be paid within thirty days of the Order and the remaining non-suspended portion of the penalty (\$1,250) is to be paid no later than December 31, 2002.

2. Gary Long, Burien City Manager, Case #02-269

Results: The Commission accepted a Stipulation of Facts and Violation and found that the Respondent committed a single violation of 1) RCW 42.17.130 by authorizing the distribution of a fact sheet preceding the 2001 general election that opposed Initiative 747.

Assessed Penalty: \$1,000. It was ordered that public funds may not be expended to pay the Respondent's civil penalty.

Requests for Reconsideration of Final Orders

1. **Jim Downs**, Case #02-280

On April 9, 2002, the Respondent was found to have violated RCW 42.17.130 by authorizing the use of facilities and equipment of the City of SeaTac Fire Department for a campaign photo shoot in which Geoff Simpson (a 2000 candidate for state Representative) used City of SeaTac firefighting clothing and equipment, including a fire truck, and on-duty employees of the City of SeaTac and was assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000.

Results: The Commission made no motion to reconsider its final order. Therefore, its final order remains a final order.